

**Peak Bloom Period for the cherry blossoms is predicted for April 3 - April 9, 2009. The blooming period begins many days before peak bloom is reached and can last up to 14 days.**

(Image courtesy of the National Cherry Blossom Festival website)

## Cherry Blossom Festival Sat., Mar. 28 - Sun., Apr. 12

### Calendar of Events in the Southwest Area.

- **National Cherry Blossom Festival Fireworks Show:** Sat. Apr 11, 8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Southwest Waterfront, 6th St. & Waterr St. SW. Free.
- **Historic Call Box Dedication:** View call boxes decorated with art from the National Cherry Blossom Festival. Sat. Apr. 11, afternoon, 7th and Maine SW.
- **Prelude to the Fireworks:** Musical entertainment by military and local groups, family-friendly activities and food before the fireworks. Sat. Apr 11, 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Waterfront Park - 600 Water Street, SW. Free.
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- **River Blossoms Tours:** Cruise along the Potomac and experience the magical view of the blossoms surrounding the monuments on this 90-minute tour with narration. Sat. Mar 28 - Apr 12. Weekends: 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Weekdays: 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. Contact Washington Marina - 1300 Maine Avenue SW, 202-554-0677, adults \$22, children half price.
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## Fenty Celebrates Waterfront Station Progress



Mayor Adrian Fenty and Councilmember Tommy Wells stand before a rendering of the new Safeway.

By Glenn Favreau

"We're seeing a lot of the Mayor in Ward Six"

With these words, Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells welcomed Mayor Adrian Fenty on a sunny Thursday

morning, March 12th, to Waterfront Station to commemorate the topping off of both new Fourth Street buildings. Mayor Fenty officially welcomed a new era for Southwest: a brand new street, several District of Columbia agency offices and

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## Voting For SWNA Sat. Mar. 21

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Mar. 21, a voting booth near the Safeway will allow any Near Southwest resident (zip code 20024) aged 18 or over to choose officers and board members for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly for 2009-11.

Short biographies for candidates are on page 6 of this issue. Everyone can vote for the

offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Southwest neighborhood is divided into 4 districts - Dist. 1, 2, 3, and 4 - with a total of eight board members to be elected. Each voter can vote for two board members for the district in which he or she lives.

## Jefferson Students to Dunbar, not Wilson

By Dale MacIver

Wilson High will no longer get students from Jefferson Middle School. Only three schools - Deal and Oyster/Adams in NW and Hardy in NE will be feeder schools for Wilson.

Jefferson graduates were given until March 13 to apply as "out of boundaries" students for Wilson or high schools other than Dunbar. Records of those who did not apply or where applications were not accepted will be sent to Dunbar High on New Jersey Ave. NW, according to Jefferson staff.

## SWNA Meets Mon. March 23

By Peter Atlee

The annual public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be held Mon., Mar. 23, at St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. We will kick off this year's meeting with a speech from one of SWNA, Inc.'s founders, Neal Peirce, who will discuss his experiences creat-

ing one of the District's first racially integrated neighborhood organizations. Next we will welcome Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells to swear in the Assembly's newly elected board members, and we will round out the meeting with reports from SWNA's various committees and task forces. Refreshments will be provided.

## Wells Issues Juvenile Crime Report

By Dale MacIver

Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells has released the report of his Task Force on Juvenile Crime. It includes a map showing that 13% of the juvenile offenders in Washington lived in Near SW (zip code 20024). Most of the recommendations would require action by the D.C. Council or D.C. government agencies. The report is on his website, [www.tommywells.org](http://www.tommywells.org).

Councilmember Wells intends to follow up with three community meetings, each in a different neighborhood, "seeking input [on] how best we should move forward with the recommendations." After those meetings he will introduce legislation in the DC Council.

His website also includes several pages of suggestions the public offered by email. Samples of suggestions from Near Southwest include "curfews," "after school programs," "Kites for Peace," "start talking seriously about the Gang Problem," "Values, taught in schools," "Rec center activities till midnight," "Reopen Police Club #4," "engage youth in their own case management," "training classes for school personnel," "additional floodlighting near construction," "education system must reach into the homes," "need full time youth coordinator," "more Roving Leaders," and "youth community service corps."

Summaries of meetings of the Wells task force included this comment about the Family Strengthening Collaboratives in DC: [Councilmember Wells] "identified the Collaboratives as organizations that have been working in the District for over 20 years; citing that they have proven lasting power. He also emphasized that the city puts \$14 million per year into the Collaboratives and they are the focus of what we want to be neighborhood-based action for at-risk families."



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## CBCC Board Meets Mar. 18

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Near Southeast/Southwest Community Benefits Coordinating Council will be Wed., Mar. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Syphax Village Condominium community room on Half Street between N and O SW. The meetings are open to the public.

The CBCC exists to make sure ANC 6D residents derive benefits from redevelopment. Transparency is important. We strive to provide benefits for all the diverse residents in our neighborhood.

## SW Unity Day Aug. 1

Sat. Aug. 1 has been chosen by the Southwest Com-Unity Forum for the annual SW Unity Day at King-Greenleaf Field.

## Women's Month for SWNA Apr. 27

**Theme:** Women in the Community

**Venue:** Probably moved from St. A's to start meeting rotation

**Proposed Speakers:** Rev. Ruth Hamilton, Rev. Martha Clark, Dr. E. Faye Williams, Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, President of SEU, Jeanetta Cole, Director, African American Museum, Kinshasha Holman, Deputy Director, Smithsonian African American Museum

## FENTY

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new, polished retail space. Councilmember Kwame Brown (At Large) also joined a host of local and development dignitaries including project architect **Shalom Baranes**, Vornado/Charles E. Smith's Mitchell Schear, Forest City's Deborah Ratner Salzberg, and Safeway's Craig Muckle, as well as our won ANC6D Commissioners Andy Litsky and David Sobelsohn.

Assuring us that development in Southwest is a priority for his administration, Mayor Fenty promised the neighborhood a "Fourth Street Corridor with a Main Street feel" as he donned a hard hat for photos in front of the two eight-story concrete structures which now frame the emerging new street. The city has shown its support for the first major project of Southwest renewal by moving several city agencies to the buildings at Waterfront Station: the District of Columbia's Chief Financial Officer, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Planning, and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

In the last few days, the windows which make up the "glass curtain wall" forming the facades of the buildings are being hung in place. In the coming months, the facades will be completed, Fourth Street will be filled in with dirt, utilities laid, and pavement and sidewalks installed. Within a year's time, the buildings will be ready for the District agencies to occupy and Fourth Street will be opened to vehicle and foot traffic.

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## Southwest Community Calendar March 16 - April 30 2009

**TUES. MAR. 17** St. Patrick's Day

**WED. MAR. 18** CBCC Board of Directors Public Meeting, Syphax Village Community Center, 1322 Half St., SW 7 p.m.

**THURS. MAR. 19** Police PSA 104, Potomac Place Condominiums, 800 4th SW, 7 p.m.

**SAT. MAR. 21** SWNA Public Election of Board Members, near Safeway, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**MON. MAR. 23** SWNA Public meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW, 7:30 p.m.

**THURS. MAR. 26** NARFE SW Public Library, 3rd & Wesley Pl, 2 p.m., Note change of time this month

**SAT. APR. 4** Nationals-Baltimore Orioles exhibition game, Nationals Park, N St. & Half St. SE, 6:05 p.m.

**TUES. APR. 7** Police CAC - Bowen School 101 M St. SW, 7 p.m. Location may change.

**THURS. APR. 9** Councilmember Tommy Wells holds office hours at the Pier 7 coffee shop, 700 Water St. SW, 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**FRI. APR. 10** SW Chamber Players, St. A's Church, 6th & M St. SW 7:30 p.m.

**MON. APR. 13**, Nationals season opener against Philadelphia, Nationals Park, N St & Half St. SE, 3:05 p.m.

**MON. APR. 13** SW-SE ANC 6D Meeting open to public, St. Augustine's Church, 6th and M St. SW, 7 p.m.

**WED. APR. 15** CBCC Board of Directors Public Meeting, Syphax Village Community Center, 1322 Half St., SW 7 p.m.

**WED. APR. 15** AARP meeting, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, noon

**WED. APR. 15 & THUR. APR 16** Nationals vs. Phillies, Nationals Park 7:05 p.m.

**THURS. APR. 16** Police PSA 104 meeting. Place to be announced, 7 p.m.

**SAT., APR. 18**, Lincoln Bicentennial program, SW Branch library, Wesley

Place & K St. SW, 1-2 P.M.

**THURS. APR. 23** NARFE, SW Branch Library, Wesley Pl & K SW, 12:30 p.m.

**MON. APR. 27** Public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Location to be announced. 7:30 p.m.

## WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS** - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

**FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS** - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

**SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS** - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon.

**WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB** - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

**S.W. KIWANIS** - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS** - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

**LABYRINTH WALK** - First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chi at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

**WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm** - Practice GED test - free - takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

**SATURDAYS SAFETY WALKERS** - meet for community walks at 800 4th St. SW., 5pm

**WEDNESDAYS COMEDY NIGHT** at Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I St., SW, 8-10:30 pm

**FRIDAYS JAZZ NIGHT**, Westminster Church, 400 I St., SW, 6-9pm

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# SW Chamber Players Apr. 10, 29, May 1

By David Ehrlich

The twelve-year-old Southwest Chamber Players, our community's only classical performing ensemble, has a very busy month of April ahead.

On the tenth of the month, at 12:00 noon, the group, which is resident at Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church, will present Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's celebrated "Stabat Mater Dolorosa". Pergolesi (1710-36), wrote this setting of a medieval liturgical poem depicting the sorrow of Mary, the mother of Jesus, as she stood by the cross watching the execution of her son.

Performing will be Southwester Joyce Bouvier, soprano, and Cynthia Hanna, a South Carolina native who is currently an intern at the Washington Opera. SWCP director David Ehrlich will be at the piano, amplified by cellist Judith McDaniel. As this pre-

sentation is part of the church's observance of Good Friday, there is no admission fee. Two weeks later, the Washington appearance of the Klavier Trio Amsterdam in concert at the Corcoran Gallery and French Embassy will be enhanced by a pair of programs at St. Augustine's on Wednesday, April 29, and Friday, May 1. For the Wednesday performance, in which the Chamber Players will perform for their celebrated visitors, the program will consist of relatively unknown works by Louise Farrenc, Friedrich Kuhlau, and Claude Debussy. Admission on Wed. will be free, as usual; concert time is 7:30 p.m. at Saint Augustine's. The Friday evening show will include the three Amsterdammers: Joan Berkheimer, violin; Nadia David, cello; and Klara Wurtz, piano. Their program will include works of Schubert, Dvorak, and Martinu. Admission to this concert will be \$20.00, payable at the door.

## St. Augustine's Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

**Sunday, April 5 at 9 a.m. Palm Sunday Service:** Procession with Palms and Reading of the Passion Narrative.

**Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing, Friday, April 10 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Good Friday Service.

**The First Hour** - The Way of the Cross (Music by Southwest Chamber Players)

**2nd Hour** - The Passion of our Lord (Dramatized Reading of the Passion Narrative)

**3rd Hour** - The Adoration of the Cross (Readings, Prayers and Music)

**Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m.** The Great Vigil of Easter.

**Sunday, April 12 at 9 a.m. Day of The Resurrection:** Festive Eucharist with Reception and Easter Egg Hunt Following.

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# **Historic Call Boxes Become Works of Art**



*Art is being installed in historic call boxes in SW. Photo by Perry Klein*

Fourteen of the 32 abandoned police and fire call boxes scattered throughout Southwest have found new life as works of art displaying prize-winning cherry blossom images and will be formally dedicated on the afternoon of Saturday, April 11, during the National Cherry Blossom Festival. The dedication will be at 7th St. SW & Maine Ave. SW near the Disabled American Veterans building. Maps will be available for self-guided walking tours of the 14 refurbished call boxes located from Independence Ave. & 14th St. SW to the Fort McNair area.

Southwest's call box project is part of a citywide plan to preserve these historic street fixtures by turning them into neighborhood works of art. The SWNA Call Box Project with the financial support of our partner Cultural Tourism DC, and the painting help of our youthful Earth Conservation Corps partners, has located and painted all these once rusty call boxes using the light blue of the sky, the marine blue of the water, and a bit of pink for the cherry blossoms as our neighborhood trademark.

Last year, Call Box Project members entered into a partnership with the National Cherry

Blossom Festival to celebrate our mutual goal of enhancing the community's role as the "Cherry Blossom Capital" of Washington, DC. Working with Festival President Diana Mayhew and Festival Programmer Lillian Iversen, our members chose from the Festival's prize winning cherry blossom art work for call box installation.

2009 will see the completion of the first stage of the Call Box Project. These completed call boxes are considered the most vulnerable to damage during the current and ongoing construction work near the waterfront. It is believed that given their new status as artwork, these historic call boxes will be handled with care.

It is hoped that the community will enjoy seeing Southwest's newly restored call boxes and that more artists will come forth to show their artwork and that the Call Box Project will gain community support to complete the project. We have just as many call boxes left to remodel. Think Marvin Gaye, Al Jolson, Lewis Jefferson, Sr., even think The Titanic. There are more Southwest call boxes calling for art.

## **World Bank Hosts Breast Cancer Seminar**

**By Thelma Jones**

Dr. Fumni Olopade, MD, a noted authority on the genetics of breast cancer, will present a lecture on the "Changing Face of Breast Cancer" Thursday, April 16, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the World Bank in Room JB1-080 at 701 - 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20433. Her talk will focus on the importance of early detection and understanding inherited differences, including those of race. Dr. Olopade collaborates with clinicians and scientists around the world to reduce the global burden of cancer and improve health in resource-poor nations.



*Dr. Fumni Olopade. Photo by Steve Kagen*

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# Library News

## Library Hours Shortened

The library will no longer open at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. It will, however, keep its old hours for the rest of the week. New hours: Mon., Wed. 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tue., Thu., and Sat., 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sun. 1 pm. to 5 p.m.

## Share Your Words & Verses Wed. Apr. 8

Since last Oct. young and old have spent two hours each Wednesday evening chatting and taking the mike to read a poem or sing a song at "Poetry Night" at the SW Branch Library, at Wesley Place and K St. SW. Light refreshments during the readings and a main

floor set up with tables like a cabaret add to the informal atmosphere.

Call in to 724-4752 or stop by the library to get your name on the list for the next event – always the second Wed. of the month from 6:30p.m. – 8:30 p.m. First come, first serve. No invitation is necessary.

Your performance is of your own choosing – something you've written, a favorite poem, a song. As Southwester Thelma Jones, who, along with her son Jamal, performed recently, says, "It's an opportunity for both seasoned and novice performance artists to share the art of the spoken word and verse."

## Lincoln Bicentennial Program Sat., April 18, 1-2 p.m.

The Southwest Neighborhood Library will celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday on Saturday, April 18 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. with its own visual presentation of a moment in history held on the presidential grounds in 1865. The 19th century program, held in celebration of the emancipation, was the first national event in the United States sponsored by African Americans. The 1865 event was organized by the Colored People's Lincoln Monument Association in memory of Abraham Lincoln. The presentation at the library will include biographical sketches of the association's

officers, including Collins Crusor, who were responsible for the original event.

The Presenter and Executive Director of the program, W. Dianne Saunders-Mayo, is a 7th-generation Washingtonian and resident of the Southwest community. She uses the library extensively to conduct ongoing research pertaining to Washington, D.C. history.

The Friends of the Southwest Library are also co-sponsoring this event. Lincoln-themed refreshments will follow the program.

## Preserving Election Souvenirs

By Dale MacIver

The D.C. Public Library has advice on preserving your presidential election souvenirs for future generations.

Papers can best be stored in flat, "acid-free" archival boxes. Newspapers require 15 in. by 23 in. to lie flat. Locally the boxes can be ordered at the art supplies

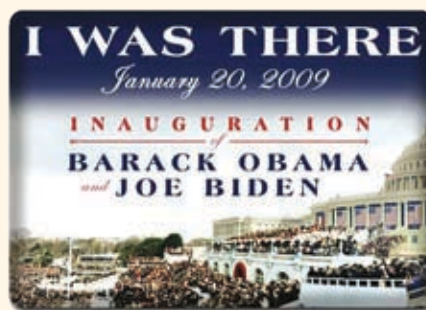
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The library's advice is given by the Washingtoniana Room on the third floor of the main library on 9th & G St. NW (Chinatown Metro). They request that you phone for an appointment; their number is 727-1213.

## Obama Website Still Sells Souvenirs

The Official Obama website, which has been raising money and taking orders for souvenirs since long before the inauguration, is [www.pic2009.com](http://www.pic2009.com) (click on Store) or 1-800-556-5975.

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# Biographies of SWNA Candidates



*Biographies are submitted by candidates for positions on the board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.*

## **Carolyn G. Mitchell, Candidate for President**

Landscape Architecture Awards Program Coordinator, a meetings/conference planner, SWNA Vice President, graduate DC Neighborhood College, GWU; Near Southeast/Southwest Community Benefits Coordinating Council; member Community Emergency Response Team; Former Secretary, Channel Square Tenants Association; willing to see a project to the end; have a listening ear and caring heart

## **Peter Atlee, Candidate for Vice President**

He has lived in Southwest since 2006, serving as District Representative and Program Committee chairperson for SWNA and working with the Community Benefits Coordinating Council since 2007. As Vice President he would increase SWNA's ability to address residents' needs. Peter also works for the American Counseling Association and coaches rowing.

## **Ellen Winship, Candidate for Treasurer**

Resident of Southwest and Carrollburg

Condominiums since 1983; SWNA treasurer for almost ten years; board member of Carrollburg Condominiums since 2006; member of the 4th Street Neighborhood Group and Citizens Advisory Council, Senior Accountant for OPM.

## **Judy Wise, Candidate for Secretary**

Southwest resident and resident of Tiber Island for 40 years. Recently retired from a private foundation that made grants to overseas missions. Served on Tiber Island's board for many years, including serving as president for ten years. Enjoys hiking and traveling.

## **Grace E. Daughtridge, Candidate for First District**

Southwest resident, native born Washingtonian, graduate American University. As citizen forester, performed more than 300 hours volunteer with Casey Trees, planting trees throughout DC, project organizer for Casey Trees Community Planting at Carrollburg Square where 28 trees were planted. Worked to preserve the largest Japanese elm tree in the city at 6th Place, G Street, now maintained by the city.

## **Ahmad Nurridin, Candidate for First District**

SW resident since 1993; active with Amidon-Bowen and Jefferson's PTAs for the past ten years; former board member, Masjid Muhammad and SW Renaissance

Development Corporation; former member, SWNA Waterside Mall Task Force and Banneker Local School Restructuring Committee; volunteer, 2009 Presidential

Inaugural Celebration. Committed to the

holistic development of my human family

## **Saadia Athias, Candidate for Second District**

Federal security officer at HUD, 1997. BA Early Childhood Education- Honors, Master's of Public Administration, SEU, MBA Candidate 2010. Southwest resident thirty years, who remains active on local CAC, Juvenile, Safety Walkers and Safeway task forces. Freelance writer for *Southwester*, single parent, photographer and advocate to develop model recreational-educational programs for adults, youths.

## **Reverend George E. Holmes, Candidate for Second District**

Past President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly where SWNA received the Mayor's Community Activism Award. Former: Chairman of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 6D), Chairperson of the Mayor Fenty Transition Religious Affairs Committee, and Specialist on White House Faith and Community-Based Initiative. National Leadership Clergy Call Member for President Barack Obama.

## **Christopher Harris, Candidate for Second District**

I have been living in DC for two years. I grew up in New York and I'm the youngest of five. I graduated from The University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor's and a Master's in History. My interests include volunteering with at risk youth, football and cooking.

## **Meg Brinckman, Candidate for Third District**

Southwest Resident since 1992, District

Representative 2002-03, SWNA Secretary 2005-2008. Member (4 years), President (2 years) Harbour Square Board. Serves on several Committees, 1993 to present. Represents Harbour Square, Fourth Street Neighborhood Group. Active with Community committees on Amidon-Bowen School and The Nationals Ball Team.

## **Vandanna Sareen, Candidate for Fourth District**

Resident of Syphax Village Condo. Holds a Master's in City Planning. Development manager, The Communities Group, affordable housing real estate firm for 8 years. She planned 'Kites for Peace' activity for the 2008 'Peace Across Streets' event for the youth. Brings experience, enthusiasm for action to SWNA and her neighbors as an SMD.

## **Reginald May, Candidate for Fourth District**

Homeowner and SW resident since 2001. Lawyer, practicing family and children law. JD, civil law. Graduate, Antioch School of Law now Dave Clark School of Law. Public servant, employed with Department of Public Works for five years.

## **Ken LaCruise, Candidate for Fourth District**

Syphax Village homeowner and SW resident since 2003. Three-term SWNA District Representative 4; co-chair, SW/Near Southeast Community Benefits Coordinating Committee for four years; co-owner, IslandStyle Caters; chair, SWNA Fundraising Committee.

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## LBJ Called "Greatest Civil Rights President in History"

By Dale MacIver

At the Feb. 23 SWNA meeting the Key-note Address was given by Ofield Dukes, former staff to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

"How Lyndon Baines Johnson, the Greatest Civil Rights President In American History, Laid The Foundation For The Election Of President Barack Obama," was Mr. Dukes' title. He recited the vital importance of President Johnson's pushing for the landmark leg-

islation adopted during his term.

Mr. Dukes recounted how he came to Washington from Detroit in 1964 and lived at 800 4th St. SW, when Capital Park was the first new residence in SW and Interstate 395 was a hole in the ground. "Our entertainment was The Place Where Louie Dwells in the basement of Waterside Mall", he said.)

In 1964 in his first year in office, President Johnson persuaded Congress to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964, outlawing most forms of racial segregation, including employment, voting, public accommodations, and education.

Mr. Dukes was present when President Johnson assembled 70 leading business executives in the East Room of the White House, to ask what they wanted him to do to strengthen the economy – like depletion allowances – and told the businessmen that there were millions of Americans with abilities and willingness to work, who were being kept from working by their color. The businessmen, he said, needed to support passage of the Civil Rights Act.

President Johnson phoned Minority Leader Senator Everett Dirksen at his home, complimented Mrs. Dirksen for her delicious pie, and persuaded the Senator to support the



Lyndon Baines Johnson

Civil Rights Act.

Mr. Dukes related how a Southern Congressman, intending to sabotage the Civil Rights bill, had Title VII on discrimination in employment amended to include discrimination based on sex. President Johnson accepted the amendment because he had learned that women in the Federal Service were discriminated against. The very first lawsuits under the Civil Rights Act were by

women working for AT&T and TWA.

President Johnson's next success was the Voting Rights Act signed on Aug. 6, 1965, which Mr. Dukes stated laid the foundation for millions of those who voted for President Barack Obama in 2008.

Mr. Dukes also reported on a meeting of historians in celebration of the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. Some historians termed President Johnson "a civil rights revolutionary," something that was never said of President Abraham Lincoln, despite his signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, Mr. Dukes noted.

The speech is available for listening on swdcblog.com. Search for "Dukes."

**Allen A. Flood, M.D.**

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# Schools & Youth

## Jefferson Middle School 2009 City Champs



Both the young men and the young women at Jefferson Middle School won the citywide basketball championship.

## Scholarship Applications Available!

By Carolyn Mitchell

Attention: All Near Southwest/Southeast senior high school students or returning college students who are planning to attend college. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly would like to be a support to you by supplementing your tuition through our scholarship fund for those who qualify. Southwest/Southeast students in zip codes 20024 and that part of 20003 south of I-395 may apply each year for four years of undergraduate studies. Applications are now available for

pick-up at the Southwest Library during regular business hours. Applications must be received by May 31, with transcripts due by June 13. Scholarships are made available through funds donated from residents and others interested in youth making an effort at self-improvement. All donations are tax exempt and can be sent: Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 70792, Washington, DC 20024. If you have any additional questions contact: Carolyn G. Mitchell at 202-438-1069.



## Computers for Kids' Class at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center

SWNA Youth Activities Task Force weekly classes at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center will award graduates a refurbished computer to take home.

## Jefferson Middle School Values Code

Jefferson Middle School has adopted the following school-wide "Values Code."

**HONESTY** - I will be an honest person; **RESPECT** - I am respectful of others; **RESPONSIBILITY** - I take responsibility for what I am supposed to do; **SELF-CONTROL** - I will control my actions and words; **HARD WORK** - I take pride in being a hard worker; **SELF-RESPECT** - I have self-respect; **CONCERN FOR OTHERS** - I will show concern

for all other people; **TOLERANCE** - I am tolerant of others; **COOPERATION** - I will cooperate with those around me; **FAIRNESS** - I show fairness to those with whom I come in contact; **FORGIVENESS** - I can forgive those who do me wrong; **COURAGE** - I will be brave in facing life's challenges; **SELF-KNOWLEDGE** - I will pursue knowledge of myself.

## Notes from Wilson Principal Pete Cahall

**Green Jobs Expo and Conference** - Fifty students (11th and 12th graders) from Wilson attended a Green Jobs Expo at the Marriott Wardman. ... Participation was sponsored by [Wilson's] SciMaTechAcademy. Students learned about career opportunities and met employers in the rapidly expanding green jobs market. For more information, contact Mr. Wilson (Room 124), Ms. Benjamin (Room 217), or Mr. O'Steen (Room 320).

**Hats and Headgear** - Hats and head gear are not permitted to be worn in our school at

any time during the regular school day 8:45 to 3:15. Students who violate our policy will have their hats or headgear confiscated. There will be NO MORE WARNINGS!

**SAT Prep** - Do you want to improve your SAT score with the help of students who aced the test? Members of the National Honor Society will be holding free sessions to help students prepare for the May 2 or June 6 testing dates. Sessions will be held on Tues. afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in room 314. See Ms. Wopat in room 302 for more details

## Wilson High Goals, 2008-09

**DC CAS Participation** - 100% of eligible students in each subgroup; **Reading** - 60% scoring proficient or better in each subgroup AND 10% increase in the number of students scoring at the advanced level on the DC CAS in each subgroup; **Math** - 60% scoring proficient or better in each subgroup AND 10% increase in the number of students scoring at the advanced level on the DC CAS in each subgroup; **SAT** - Increase the average score by 14 points (1,000) for both verbal and math; **PSAT** - 95% participation of 9th & 10th

grades; **Honors/advanced placement** - 60% of students enrolled in an honors or advanced placement course; **Advanced Placement** - 100% of students in an AP course to take the AP exam; **Class Performance** - 90% earning a 2.0 or better each advisory period; **Honor Roll** - 45% earning honor roll status each advisory period; **Graduation** - 90% graduation rate; **Attendance** - 95% attendance for all students; **Suspensions** - reduce behaviors resulting in suspension by 10%

## Greenleaf Seniors and the Shuttle Bug

By Clarence Brown,  
DC Office of Aging

Please know that the DC Office on Aging provides transportation services for residents (60 years and older) in the Greenleaf Senior Building and in Ward 6 through our Washington Elderly Handicap Transportation Services (WEHTS).

If there are any needs for transportation that are not being met by our ser-

vices, please contact me or the DCOA. Our services are permanent, unlike the Shuttle Bug. We have taxi vouchers as well. DCOA, through its Lead Agency, UPO, Inc., can also plan transportation for special events and activities for residents. Furthermore, WEHTS will give priority for transportation services to areas not covered by the Shuttle Bug route which could avoid duplication



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